

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO.14-01-23

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For Work Week Commencing: January 20, 2014
Commission Meeting: January 23, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of January 13, 2014

2. University Movers T-13.24.PCN (Brenda)

On July 29, 2013, Alvis Miller d/b/a University Movers, Missoula, Montana, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The application was noticed to the public and protests were received. A public hearing was scheduled and prior to that hearing the protestants withdrew. On November 5, 2013, Final Order 7316 was issued granting authority to the applicant. The applicant was advised that compliance was necessary and that there was a 30 day period in which to meet compliance. No cargo or liability insurance was submitted. The applicant was contacted by telephone and reminded that the deadline had been missed and compliance must be completed. An Order to Show Cause was issued to the applicant for failure to meet required compliance on December 19, 2013 and the document was sent by certified mail. The applicant failed to accept delivery of that document. Proposed Motion: Cancel the authority granted in Final Order 7316 and close docket T-13.24.PCN.

Class B – Household Goods between all points and places
in Missoula and Ravalli County.

3. Flathead Glacier Transportation LLC TN2602 (Nickie)

Flathead Glacier Transportation LLC, Whitefish, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9015 to Randy Cowger d/b/a Glacier Taxi, Columbia Falls, Montana for a three month period, January 23, 2014 to April 23, 2014. Proposed Motion: Approve the lease of PSC No. 9015 as requested.

Class B - 1) Persons, baggage and express within Flathead County, Montana and 2) Persons and baggage between all points and places in Flathead County, Montana and the Veterans Hospital at Fort Harrison. Limitations: 1) Movements both originating and terminating within the city limits of Kalispell, Montana are prohibited. 2) Carrier is precluded from operating vehicles with a seating capacity above eight with the exception of the transportation of children and attendants originating or terminating in Columbia Falls and nine (9) miles to or from Big Mountain. 3) Carrier is precluded from transporting Burlington Northern train crews. 4) Transportation of the following is prohibited. Audit and accounting media, data processing media and business records; processed and unprocessed film and microfilm, and incidental supplies relating to snapshots and microfilm; nonnegotiable securities; nonnegotiable bank checks and valuable papers between all points and places in the State of Montana.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. PSC – 2015 telecommunications legislation – Discuss opening a docket and issuing a Request for Comments from interested parties regarding possible 2015 telecommunications legislation. (1/23/14)
2. Investigation into the Off-System Fixed Price Hedging Transactions and Other Possible Hedging Mechanisms Available to NorthWestern Energy – Inform Commission of Notice of Investigation and Opportunity to Comment and Comment Deadline. (1/23/14)
3. Placeholder – D2013.12.89 – Big Sky Gas LLC – Petition for a waiver of ARM 38.5.6002(1) and 38.5.6004(3) – Discuss and act on Big Sky’s petition for waiver. (1/23/14)
4. D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate the Hydroelectric Facilities of PPL Montana, LLC – Discuss and act on NWE’s “Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Projections and Brief in Support” (projections of PPL Energy Plus, LLC). (1/23/14)
5. D2013.12.85 - NorthWestern Energy– Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate the Hydroelectric Facilities of PPL Montana, LLC – Discuss and act on NWE’s “Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information and Brief in Support” (information of PA Consulting Group, Inc.). (1/23/14)
6. D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Hydro assets purchase – Discuss and act on results of engineering consultant RFP. (1/23/14)

7. D2013.12.83 – NorthWestern Energy – Tax Tracker – Commission Direction.(1/23/14)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

None